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'Good News' Rally Features Criswell

W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Missionary Baptist Church, also in Dallas, will be featured speakers for a joint black and white rally in Jackson next spring.

The two pastors will lead in the "Good News Mississippi" Rally, set for March 23, 1979, at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium. The rally kicks off a month of simultaneous revivals in black and white Baptist churches across Mississippi.

Criswell, pastor of the largest Southern Baptist church in the nation, is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Clark, in addition to his pastoral duties, is editor of the "Baptist Voice," official publication of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

"Good News Mississippi" is a joint evangelistic effort for black and white Baptists in the state, coordinated by a committee of leaders from both groups. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention, are co-chairmen of the committee.

It has been recommended by the Good News Mississippi Committee that churches in north Mississippi have their revivals in the first half of April and churches in the southern half of the state plan for the latter half of the month.

According to Roy Collum, director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism Department, a number of Baptist associations and churches are planning for lay evangelism schools or other witness

training classes prior to the revival in April. Scott County has classes scheduled Oct. 2-5 and First Faith Baptist Church in Panola County is just completing a session in witness training this week.

"These schools will be an integral part of many churches' plans for the crusades," says Collum. "All classes will be specifically designed for teaching personal soul-winning using a personal testimony," he says.

In early March of next year, prior to the statewide rally and revivals, "we are encouraging associations to have associational evangelism clinics/rallies in which personal witness training will be given to pastors and other church leaders," says Collum.

Collum reports that his office in Jackson will be sending out packets of sample advertising materials which relate to the Good News Mississippi theme, including bumper stickers, and door handle notes. These materials may be ordered by churches or associations.

In addition, two booklets may be purchased through the Evangelism office of the Baptist convention board; the "Revival Handbook for the Local

Church," costing \$1 each, and the "Counseling Guide," at \$25 each.

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Television And Morality

Hollis Opposes Rewrite Of Communications Act

By David Wilkinson
RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — A speaker at a conference on "Television and Morality" called upon the nation's Christian community to voice "united" and "vigorous" opposition to the proposed rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934.

Harry N. Hollis of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission criticized the bill as "a piece of legislation that turns its back on the public interest."

"A powerful group of television executives has virtually stolen the airwaves from the American people, and now it seems that there are those in Congress who want to make the crime legal," Hollis declared.

Hollis, who denounced television as a "moral wasteland" in a major address at the Southern Baptist Convention in June, told a group at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center that the proposed legislation, titled the Communications Act of 1978, provides for deregulation of television at a time when increased regulation is needed.

"The television industry already possesses enormous power to shape our lives," Hollis said. "While portions of this bill are good, if passed by Congress in its present form, the rewrite would give the industry too much power for the good of the country."

The 217-page bill, introduced recently by the House subcommittee on communications, would make sweeping changes in the broadcasting and telephone industries. It would eliminate the Federal Communications Commission in favor of a smaller, more limited Communications Regulatory Commission.

Regulation of TV broadcasters would be significantly curtailed. The Fairness Doctrine established by the FCC, which requires station owners to air conflicting viewpoints on important

public issues, would be replaced by a less stringent "equity principle." The public's opportunity to challenge the renewal of TV license holders also would be greatly diminished.

The bill would end all government regulation of cable-TV and all regulation of radio broadcasters, except for frequency assignments and technical standards.

Pointing out that public hearings on the bill are scheduled to begin in August, Hollis urged Southern Baptists to consider carefully the impact the legislation would have on the future of broadcasting and to communicate their views to congressional representatives as soon as possible.

"While we're sitting at home in front of our TV sets," Hollis said, "the television industry's powerful and successful lobby is hard at work in Washington. What is needed to check TV's further consolidation of power is

a people's lobby which will labor energetically to see that the industry acts in the public interest.

"We are looking to Congress for help in getting television to live up to its potential for good in our society. I do not believe the American people will tolerate any legislation that turns the broadcasting industry into a virtually unregulated monopoly."

Alford Appointed As Language Missionary

Richard and Patricia Alford of Andalusia, Ala., have been jointly appointed as missionaries to Mississippi by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He will serve as language missions program leader for the Cooperative Missions Department of the state convention board in Jackson.

Alford, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana College and holds a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was minister of education for First Baptist Church of Andalusia.

Patricia Kerr Alford, a native of Forney, Ala., is a graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, and holds a master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.



Alford

Baptist Church Damaged In Beirut Action

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — The Badarro Street Baptist Church, associated with Southern Baptist mission work, was damaged during a recent outbreak of fighting in Beirut, Lebanon.

The church was the first one damaged since the two-year-old civil war ended in 1976. The latest skirmish involved Syrian peace-keeping forces and Christian militia. No missionaries were injured.

According to Finlay M. Graham, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board field representative for the Middle East, missionaries in Lebanon have "a very high morale," and those currently in the United States plan to return to Lebanon on schedule. Local Baptists have used the Badarro Street Church's basement as a bomb shelter.

A hospital operated by another Christian organization was slightly damaged during the conflict, but no one was hurt.



W. C. Fields, assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations, SBC Executive Committee, holds aloft the Norfolk, Virginia, telephone directory which he tore in half at the conclusion of the 1976 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Photo taken in the SBC newsroom by a Norfolk photographer.

W. C. Fields, The Baptist

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This One Can Be Trusted

By B. P. Ecrivain

Whether he's ripping a phone book in half, camping in Nova Scotia, briefing *Newsweek* magazine on the religious scene, journeying to a remote corner of the globe, soaring heavenward in a "thermal," or field marshaling what many have called the greatest religious coverage in America, W. C. Fields has that certain flair.

It's indefinable. The French, with characteristic shrugs and cocked eyebrows, would say he had that "je ne sais quoi." And he does it all with a combination of confidence, competence, and joy for life which eludes the grasp of most.

During his fifty-five years, Fields — namesake by coincidence of the late, bulbous-nosed comedian — has, as one editor described it, "done the equivalent of two or three lifetimes of things worthwhile."

He has migrated through several pursuits, which many have made into careers in their own right, into a three-fold role with the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. In the process, he's gained nationwide reputation as the "spotlight" of Southern Baptists.

Since 1969, Fields has served as assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations of the Executive Committee; director of Baptist Press, the denomination's nationally recognized news service; and press representative for the SBC in annual sessions.

During the pivotal eighteen years since then, Southern Baptists have grown into the nation's largest Protestant denomination — increasing from about nine and one-half million members to nearly thirteen million in over thirty-five thousand churches in fifty states.

Sitting in the focal point of national media attention, he has won for himself and his fellow professionals a respect second to none in America. And succeeding associates — who have directed the daily news coverage of Baptist Press and managed newsroom operations at the SBC annual meeting — attest that he has provided the atmosphere, support, and security which have allowed their own creativity to soar.

Southern Baptists, with their escalating numbers and dollars, sometimes tend to sound a little triumphal, but such high-sounding descriptions of Fields' efforts are not Baptist bragadocio. They're fact, documented by national news media, which view the religious scene dispassionately and with a probing, critical eye.

For example, take the press operation at annual SBC meetings. Each year, he merges his staff with about eighty volunteer SBC specialists in print, photograph, broadcasting, and related endeavors to offer the widest range of media service available just about anywhere. That includes more than the White House provides the national media traveling with the President.

In 1976, when former President Gerald Ford addressed the SBC in Norfolk, his highly professional staff marveled at the SBC operation which served some 250 media representatives.

And reporters themselves have said Southern Baptists run a better pressroom operation than national political parties or NASA during a moon launch.

Hardly a week goes by that Fields or one of his staff — Robert O'Brien, news editor, or Norman

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Missionary Stanley OK; Bislig Crusade Postponed

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist Missionary James I. (Boe) Stanley was reported to be safe and enroute to Manila, Philippines, July

13, despite an erroneous wire service released which said he had been killed in a guerrilla attack.

But earlier incidents in the Bislig area of Mindanao, Philippines, have caused the postponement of an evangelistic crusade scheduled for Aug. 6-20 there.

The decision came following a week of shooting incidents in and around Bislig, located in northeastern Mindanao. One incident involved Stanley, who was wounded June 27 by shots fired by a member of the New People's Army, a Communist-inspired guerrilla movement in the Philippines.

A United Press International report from Manila erroneously reported that Stanley and six other people had been killed in an attack on a mission school. However, James B. Slack, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines, reported by telephone to the Foreign Mission Board's home office in Richmond, Va., late July 13, that no missionaries or mission buildings

had been attacked since the June 27 incident involving Stanley.

Slack said that the scheduled crusade, involving use of a number of speakers from the United States, was being postponed as a "precautionary" measure. "We don't feel there's any real danger in the area," he said.

One consideration in the postponement decision, Slack explained, was that the extra safety precautions might limit the pre-crusade and follow-up activities.

Slack said several of the churches in the area are going ahead with plans for their own campaigns, inviting Filipino evangelists to speak instead of the Americans who will not be there. The decision to postpone involvement by the Americans was made by pastors of the churches in the area where the crusade was planned.

Stanley was injured while driving to a tribal village in the area. A long gunman walking down the road turned as Stanley was driving past him and

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Rhodesia Missionaries Decide To Stay, Continue Ministries

GWELO, Rhodesia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries will keep all of their Rhodesian ministries open, through some adjustments will be made because of increased guerrilla activity in some mission areas.

Davis L. Saunders, area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, met with 38 Rhodesian missionaries, July 5, and reported the results of that meeting by telephone to board headquarters staff.

The missionaries represented all but four currently on the field, including those recently evacuated from Sanyati Baptist Compound, following the stab-

bing death of Archie G. Dunaway Jr. in a guerrilla attack, June 15.

The hospital and school at Sanyati will remain open, the missionaries decided, with Maurice L. Randall acting as hospital supervisor and area evangelist. John W. Monroe will be administrator of the hospital and station manager. Neither of the men will live at Sanyati. When necessary, Randall will commute, traveling by road, from Gatooma, as will Monroe from Salisbury.

One other change in the status of mission work affects the seminary in Gwelo. Government officials have asked missionaries at the seminary, located some 14 miles from the city, to

move into the city. They will go to the seminary for daytime classes, which will continue as usual, and return to the city at night.

Missionaries on furlough from Rhodesia will make individual decisions about returning to the field, according to the decision of the organization of missionaries there. Most of the furloughing missionaries, however, are expected to return on schedule. But the mission did advise against new personnel coming to Rhodesia, at least for the next six months.

"The general tone of the meeting was very positive," Saunders said, "and the Rhodesian Baptist Convention plans to meet as usual, in July."

Sessions Planned For Church Staff

Emory Wallace, pastor of First Baptist Church, DeRidder, La., will lead Bible studies during the Staff Development Mini-Week at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, August 21-23.

Wallace, a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, has been involved in church renewal work in the Southern Baptist Convention and has been president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

The sessions are designed for church staffers and their families. Staff groups for which special interest conferences are planned include ministers of youth and education, secretaries, deacons, kindergarten and day care workers, church clerks, and families of all of these.

Jimmy Cutrell and Jan King will lead with special music. And there will be planned programs for children from cradle to college.

For reservations write: Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. For more information on the week, call: Leon Emery, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 354-3704.

Staff Salary Survey Is In The Mail Now

The 1978 Survey Report of church staff salaries from the Department of Church-Minister Relations and Annuity, is in the mail this week to church chairmen of budget and finance committees, according to Clifton R. Perkins, department director.

The reports are being mailed to the committee chairmen in care of the addresses of the pastors. Perkins said, because in many cases that would be the only address known for the church and its committees.

Copies of the report are available

for all church staff members who are interested in having them, Perkins pointed out. They may be obtained by writing the department at Box 530, Jackson 39205.

The report is the result of an effort by the Church Staff Salary Study Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The members, all laypersons, are Plemon Ming of Brandon, Bob Dent of Holly Springs, Mrs. Larry Otis of Tupelo, Murray Alexander of Greenville, and Eugene Turner of Yazoo City.

In Nicaragua . . .

One Hot Mission Trip

Choir Receives Warm Nicaraguan Welcome

By Stanley D. Stamps
Chairman, Nicaragua Mission

An appreciative audience of immigration officials and customs inspectors sat on luggage benches in the Managua airport as a choir of nearly 100 voices sang the four closing selections from musical "Alleluia."

It was a command performance (and the first) for the "Praisesingers" of North Richland Hills Baptist Church from Fort Worth, Texas, who scarcely an hour and a half earlier had arrived at La Merced Airport, Managua, Nicaragua, aboard a chartered jet-liner.

For the airport employees it was the end of a long day, including overtime, to accommodate the 9:30 p.m. arrival of the choir, a couple of hours after the normal airport closing time. For the choir it was the joyous arrival at the destination of a long awaited and carefully planned choir trip.

Everyone had cleared immigration and luggage, which included a puppet stage, sound equipment, and working gear, now loaded onto three awaiting buses which would transport them to the Mt. Olives Baptist Encampment 26 kilometers south of Managua.

The impromptu concert was a musical "thank you" to the airport personnel who had received the enthusiastic group. The humid warm air of Managua's airport reverberated to the musical preview of what the next ten days would hold.

It was Saturday, July 1, 1978. The choir, under the leadership of Hal Brooks, pastor, and Paul Paschall, minister of music, had come to Nicaragua on the invitation of the Nicaragua Mission of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, to engage in a multifaceted mission project which in-

cluded puppet presentations and workshops, youth choir concerts in schools, ten concerts in churches of the Gaither musical, and the construction of a chapel for First Baptist Church of Jinotepe.

Southern Baptist missionaries Stanley and Glenna Stamps and Hoyt and Marie Eudaly coordinated the arrangements with the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention.

On Sunday, the choir's first full day in Nicaragua, the Fort Worth group participated in the services of six

Managua churches. The first of four puppet workshops was held and the first concert presented at First Baptist Church, Diriamba.

An estimated 500 packed the Diriamba church to overflowing. From the very first note to the final "Alleluia" the responsive audience sat transfixed by the inspiring music and clearly enunciated Spanish lyrics which the choir members had memorized and laboriously practiced.

As the final selections were sung by the choir and congregation, the sound

of a tolling bell rang through the sound equipment while just a block away from the Baptist church in the local Catholic church (which had been seized by a group of dissident students protesting political grievances) the bell in the tower could faintly be heard in strange contrast to the joyous sounds of the religious concert.

When the evangelistic invitation was given by Nicaraguan Evangelism Coordinator, Donatillo Garachi, ten persons responded to his plea to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts.

Tensions Halt Work On Nicaraguan Chapel

By Stanley D. Stamps

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — Construction on the chapel of First Baptist Church, Jinotepe, about 35 miles south of Managua, Nicaragua, has been suspended indefinitely because of the tension in this city following the July 9 deaths of four high school students and a farmer.

Volunteers from North Richland Hills Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, were advised by leaders of the local church and Baptist Convention of Nicaragua not to go to the work site because Jinotepe was mourning the deaths of the students—some of whom lived in the vicinity of the church. The Texas group was conducting a special evangelism project and helping to build the new chapel.

The group was advised that proceeding with the work project at the present time would be misinterpreted. Baptist leaders and other interested citizens felt it best not to give any cause for provocation of striking students and anti-government leaders who have taken possession of school buildings and several Catholic church buildings in Managua in protest against the government.

The volunteers from Fort Worth remained at the Mt. Olive Baptist Encampment—about 15 miles south of Managua and away from the scene of action. Plans called for them to return to Fort Worth, July 12.

About 30 men participated in the work project made possible by special gifts from the Fort Worth church and the volunteer participation of more than 90 persons who formed part of the combination choir and construction crew.

Under the leadership of their pastor, W. Hal Brooks, the group had constructed the chapel walls and nearly completed the rafters. About two days

of work remains to complete the chapel.

Earlier, construction had moved along despite sporadic student demonstrations in Managua. As the building took shape, community leaders became concerned for the group.

On Friday, July 7, work was halted early when neighbors advised the crew to leave the city to avoid any consequences that might occur in an anticipated encounter between protesting student groups and police. The construction group returned to the Baptist camp by taxi caravan but worked normally the following day.

But when they returned to work, the crew found evidence that fire bombs had been thrown at the building. There was no damage. As a symbol of sympathy, neighborhood residents stood and formed a chain surrounding and guarding the building.

Incidents that have taken place in Jinotepe have not been related to the presence of the visiting North Americans, nor have any of the members of the group been involved in the situation.

Protestors Damage Buses At Concert

By Stanley D. Stamps

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — Rock-throwing youths attacked three buses which had transported members of a Texas church choir to a Nicaraguan Baptist church concert, causing more than \$3,000 worth of damage to the vehicles.

There were no injuries during the July 10 incident at First Baptist Church, Esteli, about 100 miles north of Managua, where members of North Richland Hills Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, were presenting a concert. The group was in Nicaragua on a special evangelism project.

At one point, protestors threatened to burn the buses—none of which belonged to the choir. Sympathetic Nicaraguans intervened to reason with the group, while bus drivers moved the vehicles in an effort to divert protestors from the church. Several youths became angry and followed, breaking all the windows in one

bus, about half of the windows in a second bus, and the windshield in the third bus.

Meanwhile, inside the church, one solo performance was disrupted when a student leader identifying himself as a member of the Christian Revolutionary Party approached Fort Worth Pastor W. Hal Brooks and requested the microphone. He addressed the congregation refuting the claims of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. Members hissed. At another point a young girl interrupted with communistic, revolutionary arguments.

At the close of the concert, a military patrol was enlisted to escort the buses to Pan American Highway and to avert a roadblock of burning tires the revolutionaries had built along the exit route. The choir presented its final concert July 11 at a Managua sports arena. There were no incidents.

(Stamps, a Mississippian, is a Southern Baptist missionary in Managua, Nicaragua.)

Texas Choir Members Rescue Hiking Couple

By Stanley D. Stamps

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — Members of a Texas choir group rescued a Los Angeles couple who had been assaulted, dumped into a ravine and left for dead in the mountains near Managua July 7.

Doug Holtzinger, 24, and his wife Betsy were on a backpacking trip through Central America when they missed a bus connection to Managua. They arranged transportation in what they thought was a taxi but learned later was a private car.

The driver and two other passengers, taking longer than the usual hour and a half trip requires, apparently

bypassed Managua. When the Holtzingers expressed concern, the driver reportedly feigned car trouble.

When he stopped the car, the three men got out, opened the door and shot Holtzinger twice in the head and once in a hand. He was also injured by a camping knife the attackers pulled from his wife who was trying to defend him.

They pulled the couple from the car, robbed them, threw them into a ravine and fled.

Mrs. Holtzinger, who was apparently not wounded, later climbed from the ravine and ran, screaming and stumbling, into the Mt. Olive Baptist encampment where members of the North Richland Hills Baptist Church choir from Fort Worth, Texas, were staying during a mission trip.

Several men returned to the ravine and pulled Holtzinger to safety. A nurse accompanying the choir administered first aid and arranged to transport the couple to Baptist Hospital, Managua aboard the choir's chartered bus.

Holtzinger was listed in critical condition and was flown by air ambulance to the United States. Nicaraguan police are investigating the incident.

This One Can Be Trusted

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Jameson, feature editor, doesn't con- fer with national news media about Southern Baptist developments. That went double in the madcap year of Jimmy Carter's ascendancy to the White House, entwined with the racial problems at his home church in Plains.

Such contacts, literally, range from the Village Voice to CBS News. Just one day on the log of contacts has included the Associated Press in New York, Newsweek, Time, the Washington Post, the National Catholic Reporter, the Religious News Service, the Nashville Tennessean, the New York Times, the National Enquirer, and CBS.

Besieged by a fascinated national press corps in the year of a "born again" Southern Baptist's rise to the presidency, Fields's staff rediscovered something they already knew but learned to appreciate all the more.

Solid media contacts, made over the years while Southern Baptists were evolving from a curiosity on the national scene to a force to be reckoned with, have paid large dividends.

Time, Newsweek, United Press International, the New York Times, and other metro dailies and other media already know and trust the authenticity of journalism practiced by Southern Baptists. And their counterparts in the national media—often eased by the knowledge that respected colleagues trust Fields and his staff—do a thorough job of reporting on the SBC.

Appearing on Tom Snyder's "Tomorrow" show on NBC, one newsmen, debating a point with several other panelists, startled some drowsy Southern Baptist viewers with this comment: "W. C. Fields told me it was true, and I believed it," he declared with finality.

Trust probably is the central aspect of Fields's philosophy. His staff, his

colleagues, and the news media trust him and that trust begets trust. That kind of attitude has reflected itself down through the years in the news coverage of Baptist Press.

While that philosophy permeates Fields's varied pursuits, another philosophy—equally as strong—also characterizes his lifestyle.

Life should have as few dull moments as possible.

Who else would use his lunch hour gliding fifty-five miles in a sailplane, one of his true passions, which evolved from years of flying powered aircraft?

How many others can attest to having traveled in some seventy-six foreign countries, a series of experiences which have added a world view to his thinking which few of his contemporaries possess?

In between raising three children—one a law school graduate, another a law student, and another a college student—he and his wife, in the words of the same editor quoted earlier, indeed have "done the equivalent of two or three lifetimes of things worthwhile."

Mississippi Stopover

Ever since he began as a music and education director and pastor while working on Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then migrated through roles as pastor and state Baptist editor (in Mississippi) to his current position, he hasn't settled for the humdrum.

During his last pastorate, at First Baptist Church in Yazoo City, Mississippi, he was pastor to millionaire industrialist Owen Cooper, who later became president of the SBC, and one of Cooper's fertilizer salesmen, Jerry Clower.

Like Clower, today one of America's top country humorists, and Cooper, who doesn't accept the second best way of doing anything, Fields is bigger than life in his own right. That holds

true, whether he's on a swing through Eastern Europe, wheeling down the highway pulling his Airstream trailer, camping somewhere in the wilds, or taking the lead professionally.

In fact, leadership was gravitated to him in just about everything he's done since he preached his first sermon at sixteen and performed his first baptism—of an eighty-two-year-old woman—at eighteen. He was president of the Louisville Baptist Pastors' Conference while a seminary student and has been president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and two national, interfaith groups, the Religious Public Relations Council, the Associated Church Press, and the Southern Baptist Seminary Alumni Association.

Real W.C.

To understand W. C. Fields, the Baptist, apart from what his friends laughingly call "the real W. C. Fields," the actor-comedian, is not possible. No matter where he's introduced, Wilmer Clermont Fields, the Baptist, who uses Wilmer on his cards so people will take him seriously, has to contend with good and not so good W. C. Fields' impressions and constant banter.

Fields, the Baptist, has a different sense of humor than his "name-alike," but he falls right in with the fun and has become somewhat of a W. C. Fields, the comedian, buff. His office contains W. C. statues and other kick-knacks, including a plaque that attests, "W. C. Fields is alive and drunk in Oakland." However, he cherishes a rejoinder from Herb Caen's column in the San Francisco Chronicle that "W. C. Fields is alive and sober in Nashville."

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Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Washington (BP) — The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has sent President Carter and the U. S. Senate copies of a resolution passed by Southern Baptists at their annual meeting in Atlanta, June 15, outlining long standing Baptist opposition to tuition tax credits.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. (BP) — Ownership of a 13-story, 201-apartment complex has been transferred from the Alabama Retired Teachers Association to the Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers Incorporated, newest ministry of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Construction is expected to begin in August on a second facility in Dothan in the southeast corner of the state at a cost not to exceed \$3 million according to Andrew W. Tampling, executive director of the retirement center.

Waynesville, N. C. (BP) — Carlyle Marney, a prominent Southern Baptist minister, died July 3 in Waynesville, N. C., of an apparent heart attack on the same day he was to begin a series of lectures to 600 ministers at Furman University's annual Pastors' School in Greenville, S. C. Marney founded Interpreter's House, an ecumenical ministry, 11 years ago. Previously, he had served as senior minister of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, for nine years. Other pastorates included the First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.

New York (RNS) — At its annual General Synod here, the Reformed Church in American adopted and recommended for study a report which firmly supports civil rights of homosexual persons. Following adoption of another study report, on pornography and human sexuality, the 400 delegates urged RCA members to act on legislators to control pornographic film-making and boycott advertisers who employ "subtle pornography" in their promotion. Denominational seminaries were advised to prepare students "in the field of sex education counseling."

New York (BP) — Carl W. Tiller, associate secretary for the Baptist World Alliance since 1972, will become director of the Interchurch Center, which houses offices for Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic agencies in Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Home Mission Board To Service Church Bonds

ATLANTA (BP) — The church loans division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board was authorized to begin servicing church bond programs by the board's directors during their summer meeting in Atlanta.

The new service, performed by the "HMB Service Corporation," will include counseling, information sharing, instruction and other services for churches financing property conventionally or with debt securities (bond sales).

The church loans division was asked by some state Baptist convention leaders to consider implementing a church bond servicing plan when the Broadway Church Bond Plan, Inc., tentatively announced last year its plans to phase out its service.

At a Southern Baptist Convention luncheon in June, which served as the annual meeting of the Association of Baptist State Convention Church Bond Plans, Searcy Bracewell, a Houston attorney and spokesman for the Bracewell family which owns the Broadway Corporation, announced the Broadway Plan would continue in operation.

Guatemala City, Guatemala — Guatemalan Baptist Theological Seminary here recently celebrated 30 years of service in training Guatemalan leaders. Francisco Melendez, the seminary's first president, spoke on the history of the first years. Former presidents were honored with certificates of appreciation. Activities ended with the unveiling of a plaque engraved with the names of past seminary presidents. Among the former presidents were two Southern Baptist missionaries, A. Clark Scanlon and Harry E. Byrd. Current president is Jorge Enrique Diaz, a Guatemalan who has served since 1974.

Gaza — The Gaza Baptist Hospital has opened a recovery room, according to Naomi McLean, Southern Baptist special project nurse and press representative. The room is equipped with four stretcher beds, piped-in oxygen and suction, and is staffed by specially trained nurses. Previously, patients have been transferred from surgery to the hospital wards.

Glorieta, N. M. (BP) — More than 24,000 of the 35,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have part-time paid or volunteer persons leading their music program and making significant contributions, according to William M. Anderson Jr., editor in the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rome (RNS) — Officials of the World Food Program (WFP), a Rome-based United Nations agency, have confirmed recent reports by the Ethiopian government that up to 1 million people are facing starvation in Ethiopia. They said Ethiopia is facing a famine "far, far worse" than its 1973-74 calamity in which some 200,000 persons died.

Atlanta (BP) — The first Senior Adult Day on the Southern Baptist Convention calendar will be May 6, 1979, instead of May 4, 1980, as originally reported during the SBC annual meeting here. Messengers approved Senior Adult Day during the meeting. Southern Baptists will observe the special day on May 4, 1980; May 3, 1981; May 2, 1982; and May 1, 1983, according to action at the convention.

Despite that, Robert Kilgore, director of church loans, said the Home Mission Board will go ahead with plans to begin servicing church bond programs, expecting to be operational in the late fall of 1978.

The HMB Service Corporation, a non-profit corporation composed of nine to eleven directors of the Home Mission Board, is a subsidiary corporation of the board.

According to proposed restrictions, the corporation will neither purchase nor sell bond issues. Neither will it be involved directly or indirectly in any bond distribution. The HMB Service Corporation also will not guarantee any church bond nor assume liability for the payment of bonds.

Good News Rally . . .

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Associational chairmen of evangelism and their evangelism committees will be provided special training during the associational officers' training conferences on Aug. 26 to be held at three locations around the state. Sessions will last from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Churches of Carthage, Columbia, and Oxford.

These sessions will deal with the ongoing program of evangelism but will offer specific helps in helping plan, organize, and promote the revivals in the associations. The sessions also will present a new plan for personal witnessing.

Dick Brogan, president of Mississippi Seminary, reports that the seminary's extension centers around the state will be utilized for witness training opportunities for National Baptists.

Fast Growth Noted For SBC, Catholics

NEW YORK (RNS) — The two largest Christian bodies in the United States — the Roman Catholic Church and the Southern Baptist Convention — both grew faster than the population during 1976, according to the 1978 edition of the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

An increase of 0.9 per cent was recorded for the Roman Catholic Church, which had 49,325,752 adherents, while the Southern Baptist Convention increased 1.5 per cent to a total of 12,917,992. U. S. population grew by 0.7 per cent in 1976.

Mississippi Renewal Team Takes On Thermopolis, Wyo.

In October, 1977, at the National Renewal Evangelism Conference, in Toccoa, Ga., David Haney, director of lay renewal, SBC Brotherhood Commission, contacted Sidney Ellis of Greenville, Miss., about coordinating a Lay Renewal Weekend in Worland, Wyoming. In November, the pastor, Ovis Fairley, a Mississippian, contacted Sidney and they set the date of June 23-25, 1978.

An invitation was sent to approximately 170 prospective team members to see who would be willing to take vacation time and pay their own traveling expenses for this mission.

The spirit of Bold Missions caught on throughout Mississippi and approximately twenty churches participated by having members on the team or making a financial contribution. All except \$129 of the bus fare was contributed by churches and individuals.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1978, at 7 a.m., 30 Mississippians board a Greyhound bus for a thirty-six hour trip ending at First Southern Baptist Church, Worland, Wyoming and at their 11 month-old mission at Thermopolis, Wyoming. Enroute the group spent hours in spiritual preparation, sharing, praying, and witnessing

was well attended at both Worland and Thermopolis. A study was made of the Christ controlled life and team members shared how it worked in their lives.

After the Saturday evening church-wide fellowship meal, the large and small group time emphasized love in the family and love for the church staff. A candlelight service followed as families prayed together in their own family circle. A time of commitment and rededication ensued as countless families and individuals knelt at the altar. After the service the team learned that one teenage boy, who had knelt at the altar alone, was forbidden by his parents to attend any religious services, especially church. His aunt had been instrumental in getting him to the service that night. He wanted to become a Christian and join the church but was afraid because of his parents.

Tears Of Joy

The Sunday School and worship hours were led by team members who shared various areas of their Christian life through personal testimony. Four professions of faith were made, one, a man approximately fifty-five years old with a religious background contrary to Southern Baptist beliefs. The church members had been praying for this man for a long time and when he started down the aisle to make his decision public, many tears of joy were shed. Soon his young son followed making a full commitment of his life.

The Sunday morning service concluded as families expressed love to each other and the church family expressed love and appreciation to each other.

Excitement ran high as team members shared the weekend experiences and related what mission opportunities they had seen. One item that stood out was the excitement shared by members of the Thermopolis Mission about the piano given them by another church. Most team members came from churches with a piano in almost every Sunday School department.

The First Southern Baptist Church in Worland has a total budget of \$34,200 and is giving 14% to cooperative mis-

sions, 4% to associational missions, and 4% to local missions. They have established the mission at Thermopolis and now are praying that the Lord will open a mission opportunity 30 miles to the north at Ten Sleep, Wyoming. Ten Sleep is a resort community of 300 to 400 people without an evangelical church. First Southern Baptist Church has a church membership of 150 with average Sunday School attendance of 60 to 70.

The Thermopolis Mission has a membership of twenty and has called a full time pastor. James Sermons moved on the field during May, 1978, from First Baptist Church, Oil City, La.

Two couples from Nebraska visited with relatives in Worland in order to attend the Lay Renewal Weekend. They were new Christians and did not have an evangelical church in their area. They were hungry to hear God's Word and wanted to unite with First Southern Baptist Church, Worland in order to be affiliated with a church. The pastor encouraged them to see if they could start a church in Nebraska and offered his assistance.

Team members who were part of the Lay Renewal Weekend Team at First Southern Baptist Church, Worland, Wyoming, on June 23-25:

Sidney, Mary Lou and Mary Alice Ellis, Greenville; Laura Webb, Greenville; Alan Holditch, Kosciusko; Sam and Wanda Dees, Panther Burn; Bob and Mildred Fulmer, Greenville; Mellanie Branch, Greenville; C. W. and Nell Young, Indiana; Wayne and Virginia Chapman, Coffeeville;

Ruth Stanford, Greenville; Juanita O'Carroll, Canton; Jimmy and Shirley Berry and Jammy, Coffeeville; Sally Carson, Winona;

Jack and Ruby Newton, Hollandale; J. T. Gilbert and Gail, Jackson; Charles Hull, Winona; Martha Hatten, Winona; Jana Hardin, Winona;

Shirley Fulton, Louisville; Nell Middleton, Winona; Mickey and Paul Vaughn, Pearl; Beverly Havens, Winona;

Clay Brooks, Hollandale; Jeff Scott, Belden; Ed Ellis, Clinton; Cindy Kennedy, Noxapater.



Ovis and Virginia Fairley

to bus drivers and restaurant personnel.

Upon arrival at the Thermopolis Mission, a sign displayed on the back of a pickup read, "Welcome Lay Renewal Team, God loves you and we love you." Then at First Southern Baptist Church, Worland, a churchyard filled with a host of excited Christians welcomed the team.

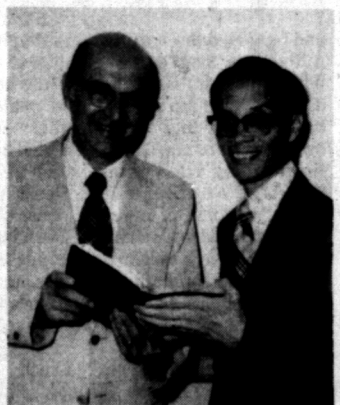
Thursday night and Friday the team spent resting, getting acquainted with Worland and Thermopolis church members, sharing, visiting, and ministering.

Phoning From Bed

The Lay Renewal Weekend proper began on Friday evening using the same procedure as is common to Lay Renewal Weekends: a fellowship meal with large and small group sharing time. On Saturday morning the team led nine coffee devotionals throughout the community with one of these being held in Bethesda Nursing Home with a paraplegic of twelve years serving as hostess. On Friday a team member had visited this patient and found her lying in bed making phone calls reminding people of the Lay Renewal Weekend and of the Saturday coffee devotional. Twenty-five attended this coffee sharing experience.

Saturday morning the youth team and the Worland and Thermopolis youth enjoyed a literal "mountain top" sharing experience, some 8,000 feet in the Big Horn Mountain Range.

The Saturday noon worship service



Shepherd and Wong

31 Men Attend Luncheon At Chinese Mission

The Chinese Mission of First Church, Greenville, held a luncheon for Chinese businessmen, on Thursday, June 27. Thirty-one men were present.

This luncheon came during a revival held at the church June 26-28. Attendance each day ranged from 40 to 45. There were two professions of faith.

Paul Y. K. Wong, at right, pastor of the Chinese Fellowship, First Church, Memphis, was the evangelist.

Wong was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Hong Kong, for 21 years. He has been seminary professor, lecturer, editor, translator, and teacher. He holds Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees.

The Chinese Mission of Greenville has been active since 1934. Ted Shepherd, shown at left, is the pastor.

Migrant Life Changed By Christian Conversion

ATLANTA — The worst thing the Christian church can do for migrants is to go to their camps with soap and clothes.

"Don't offend us by telling us we're dirty. We know that," said Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, author of *A Migrant with Hope* (Broadman) and speaker at the Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Atlanta.

Migrants do want help from Christian churches. But she believes the missions work should be holistic, ministering to both spiritual needs and physical needs, and that the best change comes through education.

"Southern Baptists are doing a good job of ministering both to the spiritual and physical needs of people," said Mrs. Newby who became a Christian through the ministry of a Southern Baptist mission in Kansas. "If they hadn't done their job, I might never have made it."

Her mother, who has been a Southern Baptist as long as Mrs. Newby can remember, is a "beautiful example" of Southern Baptist missions.

"My mother was a battered, abused wife," she continued. "My father was an alcoholic Catholic. Our house was like a little Ireland."

"I had never been to church, read a Bible, or heard of Christ until I was 16 years old," she said. "From that moment on, my strength came from that exposure."

Mrs. Newby remembers a childhood of constant traveling from harvest to harvest and sleeping in the back of a truck. But she did not realize people lived any differently until she went to school. Through her contact with people who were not migrants and through reading came the awareness that there was a better way of life. She said she encountered inspiring teachers who made her believe she could change her life if she wanted to.

It is not commendable for a woman in the Latin culture to step out of her role.

"But, my mother encouraged me. She encouraged me to marry for love. She pushed me into a world she never allowed herself to visit," Mrs. Newby said. "Mother was dissatisfied with her life but was too far into her role to change."

There were many times in her struggle to change when she felt like giving up. Mrs. Newby said, but her mother had warned her about some of the situations she would face.

"I had to work my way through college and if I didn't accept the advances of some of my employers, I lost my job. I had lots of jobs."

"There were times I doubted God's existence because of the overwhelming world I faced," she continued. "But mother had a strong faith and had taught me to pray. She also told me to be strong and proud, to remember where I came from, and not to cheapen myself."



Newby

The members of that little Baptist mission in Kansas were also a source of strength to Mrs. Newby.

"They were aware of my circumstances and they wrote prayerful, loving letters and they kept me informed about my family since I had no contact with them."

Mrs. Newby finished her college education, another step which further separated her from her family. Reconciliation became even less hopeful when she married a man who became a Quaker minister.

"I am just an ordinary middle class struggling author," said Mrs. Newby, "but to my family I really have it made."

Because she is so different from her people Mrs. Newby cannot minister directly to them. She believes her ministry is to awaken others to the needs of migrants and to encourage others to minister.

"I wrote my book to show how migrants live and to offer migrants hope."

Purvis Pastor Is Recovering From Accident

Tom Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Purvis, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from an automobile accident that occurred near Kiln on July 7.

Mrs. Hall lost her life in the wreck. Reports are that Hall will be able to return to his home soon from Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, though recovery is expected to be slow. He suffered a separated pelvis and aggravation of an old back injury.

Jim Stagg, minister of education, will continue as acting pastor until Hall returns to the pulpit.

A memorial fund in memory of Mrs. Hall has been established for the purchase of a new organ for the church.

The Missions Task

Retired? Help A Missionary!

By John Alexander
Director, Stewardship Department

Americans in increasing numbers are retiring in good health with a comfortable income. Some are Mississippians and a large number are active Baptists. Not in their long history have the Home and Foreign Mission Boards been more prepared to utilize the services of retired people in needy places at home and around the world than now. They need every skill and every type of professional training and experience you have to offer.

Retirement for people in good health is not a time to sit down to wait for the world to come. It is a time to involve one's self in active Christian service in those places less evangelized than where most of us live. Churches in pioneer areas of the United States and overseas need people to do there all the things they have done for churches here: preach,

teach, sing, visit, construct, plan, organize, survey, etc.

Most of the areas of the world lack the Christian skills you have developed across the years. They need two things mainly: Your willingness to work and your time to accomplish the tasks.

You will find in these needy areas of the world a very deep appreciation for what you do. In this type of service there comes a personal satisfaction money cannot provide.

Many older Baptists are now on various mission fields and loving every minute of it. I have talked this year with volunteers working in the pioneer areas of our country as well as to those living and working overseas in South America, Europe, and several countries in Africa.

To be able to live and work with the missionaries is the thrill of a lifetime. Recently in Johannesburg, South Africa I ate with a retired couple from

North Carolina who had spent two years in South Korea before going to South Africa. Their assistance was a real help to Bud Frey, Area Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board.

These friends observed: "We had prayed for, studied about, and given to missions all our Christian lives. We are really enjoying our contacts with the missionaries and churches here. We will always be thankful we accepted the challenge to be involved. We will leave here with happy memories that will last us for the rest of our lives."

If you are willing to give your time, I can get you in touch immediately with a man who needs your services now.

Be somebody! Help a missionary! You may prefer to write directly to: Mission Service Corps, Southern Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 7203, Atlanta, Ga. 30357.

Young Adult Bible Conference To Feature Musician Badry

By Mose Dangerfield, Consultant,
Sunday School Department

Jamall Badry, music evangelist from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will be directing the music for the Young Adult Bible Conference to be held at the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Labor Day week end, September 1-3, 1978.

Jamall is no stranger to Mississippi. He has led the music for a number of revivals in the state and for several consecutive years led the music for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Music, he has been in full-time music evangelism for more than 15 years.

He will be leading group singing at each assembly time and will present a concert of Sacred Music on Saturday evening.

This conference is designed for all groups of young adults: married, singles, formerly marrieds, college students and military. The conference begins with the evening meal on Friday, September 1 and closes with the noon meal Sunday, September 3.

Phil McCarty of Mississippi College will be the Bible teacher/preacher. The theme of his messages will be "Radical Discipleship." There will be two sessions of special interest conferences on Saturday. Participants will choose two of these conferences to attend, one at 11 a.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m. Among the conferences and leaders will be: "Radical Disciples and Careers" Dr. Bradley Pope, Mississippi College, leading; "Radical Christian Lifestyle," McCarty leading; "Creative Choice Making," Phil Stanberry, Mississippi College leading; "The Woman's Role in Radical Discipleship," Marjorie Rowden of William Carey College, leading; "Contemporary Family Options," James Travis of University Medical Center, Jackson, leading; "Managing Money," Bonita Bridges, Mississippi State Cooperative Extension Service, Jackson, leading; "Coping With Loneliness," Fran Maffett, Harrison County Health Department, leading; and "How To Find Friends and Marry One," Ray Huff, clinical psychologist,

Jackson, leading.

Those who lead young adults in Sunday School as teachers or department directors will also receive leadership training during the two conference sessions. This conference will be led by Bernie Spooner of New Orleans Seminary.

Fun, relaxation and fellowship will also be a big part of the Young Adult Bible Conference. Church groups are invited to come together. Vespers and early morning devotions are being scheduled as a time for these groups to meet together during the weekend.

Young adults and leaders from across the state are asked to make reservations for the two nights and six meals by writing Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39571. This is a program of the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

America is not anything if it consists of each of us. It is something if it consists of all of us; and it can consist of all of us only as our spirits are banded together in a common enterprise. That common enterprise is the enterprise of liberty and justice and right.

—Woodrow Wilson

Xerox Adds 22,000 Books To Carey Library

William Carey College's Reading Is Fundamental program has received a boost with the addition of some 22,000 books and materials donated by Xerox Education Publications of Middletown, Conn.

The collection includes fiction and non-fiction paperbacks, workbooks, and unit books on history, English and math, as well as various teaching aids. Filmstrips and encyclopedias complete the donation.

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is a national, non-profit organization designed to motivate children to read by giving them the opportunity to choose and own inexpensive books.

The Carey program, under the direction of Mrs. Elma McWilliams, began last October and accomplished five distributions during the regular school term. More than 1,000 books were circulated among students at Earl Trivillion and Central Forrest attendance centers.

Boggan Honored On 40th Year In Ministry

Wilson W. Boggan, director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Associations, was honored on July 2, commemorating his ordination to the Gospel Ministry on July 3, 1938, in the Macedonia Church, Simpson County, near Mendenhall.

Boggan brought the morning message following a presentation of a plaque by his home church, Macedonia, with the words: "Rev. Wilson Boggan, in Commemoration for 40 Years of Faithful Service To God, Presented by Macedonia Baptist Church 1978."

Boggan previously served as pastor in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma; as chaplain in the U.S. Army during World War II, with five battle stars and a bronze star for meritorious service; and as general missionary to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians of Oklahoma for 16½ years, under the Home Mission Board.

He has served Wayne Association as director of missions for 10 years and Clarke Association for eight years.

Rural Evangelism Meet Planned For September

ATLANTA — "A Revival for Pastors" — that's how many participants in the 1977 National Rural Evangelism Conference described their experience.

This year's conference, Sept. 25-27 in Memphis, Tenn., in addition to workshops and sermons, will feature special conferences for women and a separate conference for associational and state leadership.

The second annual conference de-

signed especially for the 21,000 rural churches of the convention — or nearly two-thirds — will begin Monday evening and continue through Wednesday noon, giving pastors time to preach on Sunday return for prayer service on Wednesday night.

Brochures explaining special room rates and registration procedures are available from state directors of missions and state evangelism directors.

Cancellations Plague Glorieta Attendance

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Last minute cancellations, especially for Sunday School weeks, continue to hold down attendance at summer conferences at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Because persons with confirmed reservations can receive full refunds up to 30 days prior to a conference, the rush of cancellations by phone and mail began about May 1 and has not let up, said Bill Hendricks, supervisor of the business section which handles reservations.

While three summer weeks already completed had at one time capacity reservations with waiting lists, actual attendance for each dropped several hundred below the maximum.

Church training youth week (June 2-9) had 2,668 confirmed reservations as of March 31, but wound up with 2,124 in attendance. Attendance for the first Sunday School week (June 10-16) was 1,814, but 2,486 had confirmed reservations on April 30. The second Sunday School week (June 17-23), which had 2,718 confirmed reservations on April 30, wound up with an attendance of 1,960.

When persons or groups fail to cancel within the 30 day deadline and become ineligible for refunds most don't bother to cancel at all. "Sometimes we learn about these, when a church with 40 reservations sends in only 20 names for room assignments," Hendricks said.

Because of similar cancellation problems at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, which operates both centers,

have approved changes in registration procedures for 1979.

Reservations will open February 1 instead of January 1 to finalize summer decisions. Also, refunds will be granted on a graduated scale depending on the cancellation time.

Southwestern Grants Degrees

FT. WORTH, Tex. — Seven students from Mississippi received degrees during summer commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, July 14, at 10 a.m. in Truett Auditorium.

Seminary president Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to the 190 candidates from the seminary's three schools.

Joe L. Ingram, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, was the commencement speaker.

Included in the graduation class were six doctoral candidates, one from Mississippi.

Mississippi graduates were Robert H. Connerly, Jr., Grenada, MDiv; Phillip C. Johnsey, Corinth, MRE; Charlotte Ann Johnson, Meridian, MRE; Gary Elliot Saliba, Southaven, MRE; Larry Dearman Smith, Meridian, Doctor of Musical Arts; William Spears, Greenville, MDiv; and Thad Edgar White, McComb, MRE.

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Middle East Trip . . .

Israel In Three Days

A visit to the Middle East by six Southern Baptist journalists recently began with a trans-Atlantic flight to Jordan on that nation's Alia Airline; and it included, through the cooperation of both governments, a trip into Israel.

While in Jordan we had a missionary with us all the way and visited places of missions interest, but in Israel we never had an opportunity to contact missionaries because their annual meeting was in progress. We visited only historical sites — no mission stations.

After being in the heat at the check point at the Jordan River for a while, a fruit stand in Jericho was a welcome stop. We were offered all of the orange juice we desired, and we made the most of the opportunity.

Our trip to Israel was conducted at a fast pace, but it was interesting nevertheless. I had been to Israel previously but not to most of the sites visited this time.

Particular Interest

The stop at Qumran was of particular interest as it is the location of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We drove along the Dead Sea, past En Gedi, where David took refuge from Saul's forces, and past Masada, where Jewish defenders had died by their

own hands rather than surrender to Roman capture.

We spent our first night in Israel in the modern city of Beer Sheva. This is the Beer Sheba of the Old Testament and was thought of as the southern extremity of the Promised Land. It has been an important settlement since Abraham dug a well there and Isaac and Jacob were among its residents. We visited the ruins of an old city, where a well has been restored to some degree.

Folk Music

While we were in Beer Sheva a local guide took Everett Sneed of the Arkansas Baptist and me to an art gallery where a group of Israeli young people had gathered to sing folk music. This was a very enjoyable aspect of the trip, for one hardly sees such an occasion as that in the United States.

Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva is a revelation. It began in 1963 with 40 students. There are now 4,300 students studying in six programs. The four-year old medical school has 1,000 applications yearly for the 45 availabilities.

From Beer Sheva we went to Hebron and to the church located at the Cave of Machpelah, where are buried Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah. Moslem services were in

progress, and we could not enter. Hebron is an Arab city.

I enjoyed seeing the many grape vineyards that are located outside of Hebron. It will be remembered that Moses had designated 12 men to spy out Canaan, and among them were Caleb and Joshua, the only two to survive the next 40 years of wandering. The 12 were instructed to bring back the fruit of the land, and when they came to Hebron they found grape vineyards. They cut a branch with one cluster of grapes, and it was so large it took two men to carry it between them. Today the Israeli Ministry of Tourism uses the symbol of two men carrying a cluster of grapes as its identification.

Bethlehem was the next stop. More so than it did the first time in 1975, the traditional site of the birth of Christ engendered a moving experience.

Fourth Century Monastery

After a night spent in Jerusalem and getting no information from the minister of information for the Israeli government, we flew to the Monastery of St. Catherine deep in the Sinai peninsula. I had been to this Fourth Century monastery before also, but the return was, worthwhile. I learned recently that it has just been revealed that six weeks after my first trip a monk had found there a missing section of the

Codex Sinaiticus, one of the oldest manuscripts of the Bible dating back to the Fourth Century A. D.

We flew to Elat at the northern tip of the Gulf of Elat to see the beautiful coral reefs and the interesting fish of the area from an underwater observatory, then back to Jerusalem for the night. The next morning there was a brief walk in the old city and a drive through Bethany on the way to Jericho, the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River, and the return to Jordan.

This ends a six-part series discussing the recent trip to the Middle East. We were told that the nations involved in the trip are deeply interested in attracting tourists, and this is why we were invited. We were told also that the nations involved in the Middle East tensions want to sit down and talk.

It is apparent, however, that those nations are approaching the conference table with something less than enthusiasm. Two weeks in the Middle East didn't make me an expert, but it seems that the governments involved should realize that if they want to attract tourists, and they need them desperately, then they had better try to keep from starting a war.

Tourists are not interested in visiting a war. — DTM



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

You Can If You Think You Can

Our Datsun pick-up is not air-conditioned and the weather has not been exactly cool lately, but W. D. and I had planned to go camping on our vacation. We thought we could survive the heat, and — fortified with plenty of ice-cold watermelons — we did.

We saw Georgia by day and slept in the camper on the truck by night, and cooked outdoors. We did everything from touring the peanut museum in Plains to panning for gold in Dahlonega and drinking lemonade at Heidi's Tearoom in Helen (yep, I finally made it to Helen.)

Before we left Mississippi, though, we spent two deliciously cool nights in a seaside room at Gulfshore and I caught a small shark off Ship Island (shades of Jaws!) On the way to the Coast we stopped at a roadside park (I won't tell you which one) for a picnic lunch. Clouds of big black flies swarmed over the bread and mayonnaise and tomatoes and bananas. I felt a surge of sympathy for those Egyptians who endured the plague of flies.

But there is a way, if you think there is. We covered the food with paper towels, and ate by continually moving both hands in circular swirls, in opposite directions. (Remember the game we used to play, where we tried to move both hands, both feet, and head at the same time? That's the idea.)

I have always thought I'd like to hike from Georgia to Maine along the Appalachian Trail. But July is not a good time to start, when it's 100 degrees even on top of the mountains. It was easy to settle for camping at Amicalola Falls, six miles from Springer Mountain, the beginning of the trail.

The waterfall, more than 700 feet high, is the highest in Georgia. On a level spot past the top of the fall is the campground. Our little vehicle was loaded, and I wondered if it would pull that steep mountain. As we drove higher and higher it groaned and shuddered. Then it made a frightful

noise and almost stopped. W. D. looked at me and shook his head. But he didn't give up. He kept changing gears, from first to second to drive.

"Come on, motor, you can do it," I thought. "If Hannibal crossed the Alps, you can climb this foothill. He crossed the foothills first, then the upper ranges, and finally the highest peaks. Don't look at the top of the mountain. Just keep your sights on the next curve."

At the top — we did make it — we were rewarded with a fresh breeze, a clean, well-kept campsite, a bath house with hot showers, friendly camping neighbors, and trails beckoning us toward the mysterious forest.

That night the ranger showed slides on how to survive in the wilderness. He said, "If you get bitten by a snake, try to remember what it looked like. If its head wasn't somewhat triangular, or if its pupils were round, or if it wasn't red, yellow and black, it probably wasn't poisonous."

His talk about snakes sent me back to the days when I was ten and learning to swim in County Line Creek. Usually the creek was knee deep, but sometimes the rains washed out a hole by the bridge that made the water deep enough for swimming. On the day I have in mind, I had just learned to stay afloat and dog-paddle a few feet, when we saw a water moccasin.

My buddies scrambled onto the bank and started yelling for me to follow. I reached a huge rock in midstream and climbed to the top of it. "Jump to the bank! Jump!" my friends called.

The distance looked too far. "I can't! I can't!" I screamed. Suddenly everybody started pointing, and I looked behind me. The snake was gliding up onto the edge of the rock. You had better believe I made a leap to the bank in no time flat.

You can if you think you can — or if you have the proper motivation.

The Back Page . . .

A New Way For Church News

The Baptist Record is dedicated to service to the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and a new program is unfolding that we feel is such a service.

The thrust of the program is to put local church mailout information on the back page of the Baptist Record, and the new method is a way of doing this inexpensively.

Actually, it is not a new method. I

developed this idea when I was associate editor at the Baptist Standard in Texas, but it has not been used here. Several of the Baptist state papers now are beginning to use the process. Texas now has them by the hundreds.

The idea is that the churches save money by doing their own typesetting and layout and by furnishing the printer camera-ready copies. The

printer furnishes oversized sheets on which the church pastes up material typed on its own typewriter. The church makes the layout as it wants it to be and sends it to the printer so that will arrive by Tuesday noon. The printer reduces the copy by 20 percent so that it will fit half of the back page of the Baptist Record, and prints it. The church does not have to worry with looking after a printing job, running a

duplicating operation, or paying the postage.

We like it because we feel it should increase readership. The churches should like it if it will save them time and money. The cost is \$30 per week.

Those churches interested in additional information are urged to contact us at the Baptist Record — DTM

Book Reviews

YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN by John F. Havlik (Broadman, pocket-book paper, 225 pp., \$1.95) One of the directors of evangelism of the Home Mission Board writes on the subject which has been on so many American hearts in the past few years. He writes in language the layman can understand, of the need for new birth, the work of the Spirit, the necessity of repentance and faith, and the resultant experience of the new birth. The glory,

the joy, and the blessing of being born again are clearly depicted.

THE REVIVAL PLANBOOK FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH, (Home Mission Board, cost-recovery price of \$1.00) gives step-by-step plans and directions for preparing and conducting revivals. **THE COUNSELING GUIDE** (Home Mission Board) cost-recovery price of 25c) is designed to train committed laypersons to counsel those

making decisions at revival services. Both revival helps, although prepared by the Home Mission Board Evangelism Sections' Mass Evangelism Department, are available only from state evangelism directors.

IF I HAD MY MINISTRY TO LIVE OVER I WOULD . . . compiled by Rick Ingle (Broadman, 132 pp., paper, \$2.50) Twenty-two outstanding South-

ern Baptist preachers tell what they would do if they had their ministry to live over again. Included are Criswell, Lee, Hobbs, Bates, Eddleman, Leavell, and others. David Grant is a current Mississippian in the group, while several former Mississippians are included.

LOVED AND FORGIVEN by Lloyd John Ogilvie (Gospel Light, paper, \$1.50, 160 pp.) Here is a brief Bible commentary for laymen, on the book of Colossians. It was prepared by a Presbyterian pastor in California, and seeks to show how Paul answered questions of Christians at Colossae and how those answers are relevant now.

IRS Modifies Regulation Hit By Non-Profit Agencies

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The Internal Revenue Service has modified its month-old ruling barring tax-exempt non-profit groups from questioning political candidates and publishing their responses.

The quick change — abrupt by normal bureaucratic standards — in the May 1 ruling was attributed in large measure to the near unanimous reaction from religious and other tax-exempt organizations that such a ruling was unconstitutional.

"There was a feeling that we needed to clarify the ruling," an IRS spokesman said. "We felt in light of the reaction, we needed to be more specific." Stating that rather than a blanket prohibition, each case would be judged

on an individual basis, the IRS gave four examples — two acceptable and two forbidden — of political activity by so-called "501(c)(3)" organizations, namely, non-profit religious, charitable and educational groups exempt from federal income taxes.

According to the IRS, tax-exempt groups will be allowed to publish the voting records of members of legislatures and candidates' views on a variety of issues, so long as the material is not accompanied by editorial comment endorsing particular candidates.

The groups, however, would be prohibited from publishing either candidates' views or voting records that exclusively concentrate on a single issue, even without editorial comment.

Negative reaction to the original ruling came from officials of the United States Catholic Conference, the National Conference of Churches and other national organizations, including the League of Women Voters.

The IRS spokesman said that enforcement of the modified ruling would begin on Jan. 1, 1979.

Talmadge Submits Bills To Remedy ERISA Ills

ATLANTA (BP) — Legislation which clarifies the definition of "church plan" under the federal pension law has been introduced in the U. S. Senate by Herman E. Talmadge, Democratic Senator from Georgia.

The senator notified Searcy Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, who has worked to get the legislation introduced.

The legislation holds significance for all ministers and denominational employees who participate in church retirement plans. According to Harold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board in Dallas, the bills will remedy a number of technical defects in the employee retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

"They will enable many ministers and other denominational employees to have greater retirement benefits than ERISA now allows," Morgan said.

Talmadge's bills were co-sponsored by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas. Semi-

lar bills were introduced in the House by Rep. Barber Conable Jr. of New York.

Major religious denominations have been concerned with provisions in ERISA which prohibit church agencies from participating in a church plan beginning in 1983.

The Talmadge-Bentsen bills recognize that church agencies may continue to participate in church plans. Also, under these bills, church plans would not have to be broken up as ERISA now requires.

One of the bills co-sponsored by Talmadge allows greater catch-up contributions to be made by denominational employees to retirement annuity plans without causing adverse income tax problems.

Under current provisions of ERISA, denominational leaders have been concerned that many of their employees will not have any additional pension benefits if they were forced out of church plans in 1983.

Letters To The Editor

Weary Of "Verbal Whippings"

Dear Editor:

I hear preachers telling preachers over and over that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. I believe that. I have considered pastors and preachers in my association and in my circle of acquaintances and I do not know one who does not believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. I contend it is past time to proclaim it as inspired only to "attain the 'amens' of our peers and to gain a certain 'theological stance.' It is time to preach that inspired Word.

I long to hear great expository sermons from that inspired Word in pastor's conferences and conventions. It is inspired! Preach it, and the people will know it as their lives are changed by the application of the inspired Word.

In my circle of acquaintances I do not know one preacher who is an hireling or a "worshiper of the denomination." They are men of God who are fulfilling a great high calling from God because they love Him and they love people. I am a little weary of "verbal whippings" at pastor's conferences and conventions. I am ready for the proclamation of great truths to help great preachers do a better job of serving the Master.

W. B. Webb, Pastor
Midway Baptist Church
Meridian

Why Does She Do It?

Dear Editor:

In your May 18 issue of the Baptist Record there was an article about

Mrs. O'Hair promises litigation. I am deeply concerned about this and I wonder why Mrs. O'Hair hates our country so much that she would do this and I think I know the answer, it's because she hates God.

We live in the most wonderful country in the world. We have the right to choose the church of our choice and worship our God the way we want to and Mrs. O'Hair wants to change this. I for one will never change. She can't take away my belief, my faith.

She says I don't know one single thing religion has done good in history and Christianity is the worst. I don't agree with you, Mrs. O'Hair, not one bit. Christianity is the best. And I would like to say here, that our Lord is very much alive and doing well. I know from personal experience He has made me a new person.

Mrs. Geneva Watt
Brooksville, MS

Local Witness Needed

Dear Editor:

I do hope that you will read what I have enclosed very carefully. It is an article from our local paper. The article is the work of an avowed atheist. He had another article in the same paper a couple of weeks ago which was in the same vein as this one. I am not ordained, but I am a licensed Baptist minister.

I spent the summer of 1966 in the eastern half of Nebraska as a student summer missionary. I met many kinds of people, with many different kinds of religions and philosophies. Most of these people were very nice

and I enjoyed the summer very much. At the time this area was considered a pioneer area for Baptist work. In view of the article I am sending you I would have to think that we remember our own back yard, so to speak, as well as the far-flung areas of this nation and the world. We are at a time of year at which we think of missions, mission offerings, and missionaries. Perhaps we should use a larger percentage of all of these for home missions and more especially for effective missionary work in our own state. Thank you!

Joseph P. Leach
Blue Springs

The piece referred to is a very lengthy tirade against Christianity written by one who claims to be an atheist.—Editor

New Providence Wants Addresses

Members of New Providence Church on Highway 28 West, Hazlehurst in Copiah County are planning Homecoming Day, September 24, to observe the church's 150th anniversary.

Would all former pastors please send their address so we can send you a newsletter of the happenings at New Providence, along with your special invitation to join us September 24.

My address is: Mrs. Hugh Applewhite, Rt. 4, Box 188, Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083.

Grace C. Applewhite

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Staff Changes

Sunshine Church, Rankin County has called Robert M. Coleman as minister of music and education. Coleman and his family, Roxanna, Lawton, and Laura, are moving from West Laurel Church, Laurel, where he was minister of music for six years. He received his Master of Church Music Degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary. His wife has a master's degree in voice from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Paul D. Lovorn has been called as pastor of Springhill Church, Oakland. He is the son of Emmett Ernest Lovorn. His wife, formerly Kathaleen Howe, is the daughter of Earl Howe of Savage. Lovorn is enrolled in the Diploma of Theology program at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

County Line (Attala) welcomed a new pastor in June. H. C. Adams came from the pastorate of Schlatter Church, Leflore Association.

Micky Henderson has accepted the call of Rocky Point Church (Leake) as summer minister of music. Student at Mississippi College, he is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Don Henderson of Nesbitt.

Larry Summers has resigned as minister of music and youth at First Church, Canton. He has accepted a position at Ridgcrest Church, Dothan, Ala.

James Bule has resigned his post on the staff of First Church, Baton Rouge, La., and has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Byram. Bule was formerly pastor in Mississippi. He has also served as missionary in Spain.

Eugene Bailey has accepted a call to be interim pastor of Zama Church, Attala County.

Marion Dees is interim pastor of New Hope (Attala).

Tommy Edwards has been called as activities director at First Church, Gautier. John Brock is pastor.

Randy VonKanel has resigned from the staff of Arlington Heights, Pascagoula, to serve with the Foreign Mission Board for two years as a journeyman in the Cayman Islands.

Don Eaves is new on the staff of First Church, Moss Point. He is working with youth in youth education and activities. He and his wife Susan moved to Moss Point in June. Bobby Perry is the pastor.

Joseph L. Small has resigned the pastorate of Bethel Church, Pearl River County, to accept the pastorate of Gillsburg Church, Amite County. He has been at Bethel for four years and seven months. July 2 was his first Sunday at Gillsburg.

Dan Watts recently accepted the pastorate of Raymond Road Church in Jackson. A native of Jackson, he is a graduate of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz. and attended New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Arizona and Nevada and worked with the Home Mission Board for four years in New Orleans. He moved to Raymond Road after serving five years as pastor at Goodwater Church, Magee. He is married to the former Vicky Swearingen of Yazoo City and they have a daughter, Amy.



Curtis Reese has resigned the pastorate of Yockanookany Church in order to enter Mid-America Seminary at Memphis in the fall.

Revival Dates

Cary Church (Sharkey): July 23-28; Bob Smith, pastor First Church Lake Washington, evangelist; Jay Bonds, Cary, music director; services 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship (Choctaw): July 23-28; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Sunday at regular times; Lavon Hatten, evangelist; Donald Duke, singer; Willie K. Richardson, pastor.

First Church, Lauderdale: August 6-11; James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; Tom Harrison, in charge of music; night services at 7:30; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Oil City (Yazoo): July 20-23; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 10:45 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon service; C. R. Wicker, Winnsboro, La., evangelist; Reese Fornell, blind minister from Mobile, Ala., pianist; W. Lamar Taylor, pastor, song leader.

Cedar Grove Church (Marion): July 23-28; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Charles Case, evangelist; and Wayne Ward, leading the music; J. Courtney Selvy, pastor.

Oak Hill (Pearl River): July 30-Aug. 4; Harry Barnes, pastor, New Palestine Church, Picayune, evangelist; Charles Powell, music director; services nightly at 7; homecoming date July 30 with "dinner on the grounds" and afternoon service with several former pastors to speak; John Graeter, pastor.

First, Abbeville: July 23-28; Roy Myers, pastor of Mt. Zion, Independence, evangelist; services each evening at 7:30 Millard L. Swinney, pastor.

Olive Church (Pearl River): July 30-Aug. 4, Ed Jenkins, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; Jerry Todd, music evangelist; services Sunday 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., week nights 7:30, Dennis Allen, pastor.

Roxie Church (Franklin): July 23-28; Mack Walker, pastor, Sycamore Church, Vidalia, La., evangelist; music evangelist, Raleigh McGougan, Southside Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala. Services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Horace Carpenter, Pastor.

Antioch (Brandon): July 23-28; Clyde Little, Forest, evangelist; Billy Beavers, music director; Sunday services 11 a.m. (followed by dinner on the grounds); services Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Martin Williams, pastor.

Revival Results

Pine Grove, Ellisville: June 25-30; Frank Harmon, pastor, Magnolia Street, Laurel, evangelist; Bobby Sanderson, minister of music, Magnolia Street, music evangelist; three additions to the church on profession of faith; several other decisions made publicly; B. F. Smith, pastor.

Arlington Church, Bogie Chitto: July 23-28; Tommy Wicker, pastor of Locust Street Church, McComb, evangelist; Terry Walker, Arlington music director, in charge of music; Sharon Sasser, pianist; Pat Jergins, organist; Bob Ammons, pastor; Sunday school at 10 a.m. morning worship Sunday at 11 a.m.; dinner to be served on the church grounds Sunday with afternoon service at 1:30; no Sunday night service; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

First Church, Wiggins: August 6-11; Frank Gunn, evangelist; Leon Bedsole, musician; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; weekday services at 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m. James W. Street, pastor.

East Heights Church, Tupelo, July 30-Aug. 4. Evangelist, Rev. Harris Counce, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Ripley; music evangelist, Gaines Hyche, minister of music, Tupelo Church.

Mount Olive Church (Carroll): July 23-28; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekly services at 7:30 p.m.; Eugene Barnett, pastor of North Winona Church, Winona, evangelist; Woman's Missionary Union of the church will sponsor a Senior Citizens' Day on Wednesday, July 26, during the revival; Carlis Braswell, pastor.

Ruth Church (Lincoln): July 23-28; Ernest K. Sadler, pastor Easthaven, Brookhaven, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; Homecoming Day will be Sunday with dinner on the grounds and a special afternoon service; services 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Charles Guy, pastor.

New Prospect Church, Iuka: July 23-28; J. A. Blunt, pastor, evangelist; Gaye Williams, in charge of music; Patricia Bolton, pianist; Jo Ann Vess, organist; services Sunday 7 p.m.; during week at 7:30 p.m.

Crenshaw: July 23-28; Jerry Simon, pastor of Macedonia, Brookhaven, and former missionary to Uganda and Taiwan, evangelist; Bob Goodwin, music director; Trent F. Grubbs, pastor; Sunday at 11 and 7; during week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First, Florence: July 30-Aug. 4; Bob Hutcherson, pastor, evangelist; Darwin Caldwell, minister of music at Headland Heights, East Point, Ga.; music evangelist; Sunday at regular times; during week at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Hardy (Grenada): July 23-28; Joe Cobb, BSU director at Northeast Junior College, evangelist; Gary Lewis, choir director at Hardy, in charge of music; Jim Gore, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Shuqualak: July 23-28; James E. Parker, Oakland Heights, Meridian, evangelist; Jimmy Bilbo, Midway Church, Jackson, music evangelist; Roy D. Hawkins, pastor; at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Ridgcrest (Lebanon): July 23-28; David Moree, Pineburr Church, Columbia, evangelist; Odell Tebo, pastor; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with dinner on the grounds.



Clarke President Honored

The Clarke College Presidential Ambassadors honored S. L. Harris, college president with a tea. Ambassadors, selected by the president to represent the college; participated in the Presidential inauguration activities, and assisted during graduation exercises. The Ambassadors (left to right), Danny Lynn, Northport, Alabama; Mary Bryant, Louisville; Beth Milner, Jackson; Randy Leslie, Tupelo, presented a plaque of appreciation to Harris (center) at the tea. Invited to the tea were Clarke College faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, and the Development Council.



Larry Herndon, left, minister of activities, Van Winkle Church; H. A. Milner, center, Van Winkle pastor; and James Prisco, sales manager, Southern Mississippi Bottling Company are showing some of the trophies and jackets that will be given at the softball tournament in August.

Van Winkle Invites Boys To Compete At Softball

Southern Mississippi Bottling Company and Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson (Herman Milner, pastor) are sponsoring the first state tournament for churches' high school boys in Mississippi.

The Mississippi High School Boys Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament will be August 12 and August 18 and 19 at Van Winkle Church.

First and second place trophies will be given. Also an award will be given to the most outstanding player. A sportsmanship trophy will be given to the church which displays the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Also 15 windbreaker jackets will be given to the players and coach of the winning team.

Any church or any denomination may enter. Each player must be a member of the church and or a member of one of its organizations—Sunday School, Church Training, RA, etc. The roster must be signed by the pastor of the church and turned in by August 4. A \$50 entry fee must be included.

Van Winkle Church is inviting any church group outside of Jackson to spend the night in its Family Life Center if they need to.

For more information, call or write Larry Joe Herndon, tournament director, 4240 Carter Circle, Jackson, Miss. 39209 (home phone 922-1908; office 922-3513 or 922-3554.) Herndon is minister of activities at Van Winkle.



Strayhorn Dedicates Sanctuary

Strayhorn Church, Tate County, has a new 240-seat sanctuary, top photo. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, spoke during the dedication service May 20. The old sanctuary, renovated, now includes nine classrooms, church office, library, and a remodeled nursery. Building Committee members for the new sanctuary are, center photo, left to right: Cecil Cole, pastor; Sammy Ashe; Jack Houston; James Rhodes, chairman; Rickey Cole; Ronny Smith; Ben Ashe, and J. B. Petrea. The Building Committee for renovation of the old sanctuary bottom photo, included Pastor Cole; Tom Blythe; Tommy Rhodes, chairman; Dell Stone; Juanita Brown; and Carlton Ross.



Build Church In West Virginia

A missions group left Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, June 23 to build a church in Chester, W. Va. They returned June 30 with the report that they had completed the building except for some work on the inside to be done by men of the local church, and that they had led a backyard Bible study with 21 enrolled. Left to right: Donald Jackson, West Jackson Church; James Allred, Plantersville Church; Joe Kilgo, Joe Burns, Charles Warren and son Bryan, Earl Creely, and J. C. Gillentine of Harrisburg; seated: Russ Flanigan of Chester. Not pictured: Mrs. Joe Kilgo, Mrs. Joe Burns, Mrs. Charles Warren and Jason, Mrs. Earl Creely, and Mrs. J. C. Gillentine. Robert Hamblin is the Harrisburg pastor.

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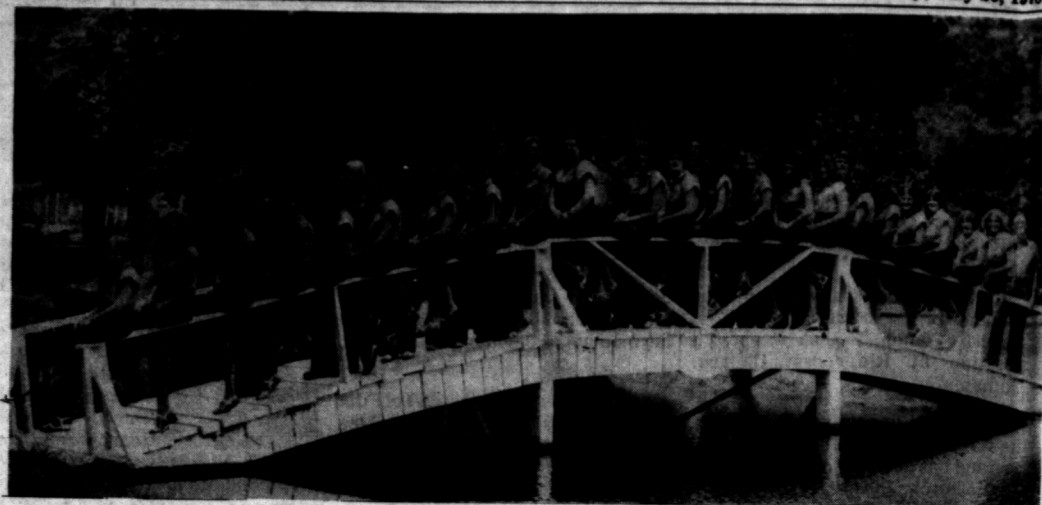
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38th Avenue Youth Choir Sings In Arizona

38th Avenue Church Youth Choir of Hattiesburg is on a mission trip July 6-24. They attended Giorieta for youth mission week July 8-14; had a "fun day" at Grand Canyon July 15; and are conducting mission Vacation Bible Schools, leading in revivals, visitation, and giving concerts at Prescott, Ariz. July 16-21. They will return to Hattiesburg July 24, having their home concert Sunday night, July 30. James D. McLamore is pastor; Jimmy McCaleb is minister of music and youth.

Emmanuel Organizes With 47

Emmanuel Church, Walnut Grove, Leake County, was organized June 18 with 47 charter members. Percy Cooper was the featured speaker.

Seven local ministers were in charge of the program at Walnut Grove Community House. In addition to Cooper, these were W. C. Smith, Leake director of missions; Carlton Jones of Wiggins Church; J. B. Miller of First Church, Carthage; Kenneth Harrison of Sunrise; E. C. Smith of Pearl Hill; and Billy Henry, Cedar Grove.

Conehatta Will Dedicate New Pastorium

Conehatta Church at Conehatta will dedicate its new pastorium on July 30. C. H. Melton will deliver the dedication message at 11 a.m.

All interested people are invited, especially all former pastors.

Lunch will be served at the tabernacle on the church grounds. Open house will be held at the pastorium during the afternoon.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. J. F. Atkinson was honored by the Satartia Church on homecoming day, July 16, in appreciation of her 50 years of dedicated service to the work of the Lord there. For many years she has worked with children in Sunday School. For most of her years at Satartia she has served as pianist, although she had only two years of formal music training. Kenneth Murphy, music director, said, "She often has tried to encourage more accomplished young pianists among the young people to take over this area of service. When they moved, graduated, or went away to college or jobs, she was always there to use her talents for the Lord again."

The former Margaret Lee Garrett, she was born Dec. 21, 1898 near Sumner, Miss. She graduated from Blue Mountain in 1920 and taught at Moorhead, Noxapater, and Phoenix.

While at Noxapater, she met Frank Atkinson, also a teacher. They were married on July 14, 1923. He had been a Methodist, but joined the Baptist church before their marriage. In 1927 they

moved to Satartia where he had bought a farm. For many years he was a deacon in the Satartia Church. Their six children were brought up in church at Satartia.

David Hadley was licensed for the gospel ministry by Woodland Hills, Jackson, on June 28. He is now youth director at Madison Church, and will be going to Southwestern Seminary in the fall. James Scirrat is pastor of Woodland Hills Church.

Joseph Brantley Styron was licensed by the Cato Church (Rankin County) on June 25 to the gospel music ministry. Styron will be a sophomore at Clarke College this fall. He is presently serving the Linwood Church (Neshoba) as minister of music. Ricky Gray is the Cato pastor.

Albert W. Sanders of Clinton and West Monroe, La., a recent graduate of the Mississippi College School of Law, has been selected as one of 15 students from across the nation to participate in a labor relations program sponsored by the American Bar Association. Sanders will take part in the ABA Labor Relations Law Section's Pilot Arbitrator Development Program scheduled for Columbia University School of Law in New York.

Tupelo Youths Lead Bible School For Black Children In Miami

By Gaines Hyche
Minister of Music-Education
East Heights, Tupelo

Twenty-nine young people and six adults from East Heights Church in Tupelo (Charles C. Steele, pastor) have returned from a mission endeavor in the Miami area.

The youths had been under a rather extensive training period for eight months to include witnessing, Vacation Bible School, and choral concerts. They staffed Vacation Bible School at their own church before leaving on the tour; this gave them considerable experience for the mission endeavor.

All 35 missionaries to Miami really feel that our mission endeavor was most successful. Our hearts have been made to rejoice as we think of having planted some seed that will eventually grow into something great for our Lord.

Our group was assigned to a black community where it seems no one had ever walked from house to house — street after street — hour after hour to take the time to invite the children to attend Bible study and church services.

The first day was depressing as we found no children in the park area when we arrived. As we walked through the community to invite children and adults to allow us to share Christ with them, it was not all an easy thing to do.

Yards were fenced, gates were locked, large dogs growled, doors were chained and equipped with some two or three locks. The people behind these doors were too skeptical even to open a door; they would stand far back inside the home where they could not

be seen and ask, "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" in terms to discourage. But, when we told them our purpose of being there you could hear locks being quickly opened and chains removed. They were eager to hear about Christ and what He could do for them. Of course, there were some few who were not interested.

On our second day, with two sessions of Bible study, we finally ended up with 25 children, with our 35, making an enrollment of 60. On the third day, we had enrolled 52 children. Our group added gave us an enrollment of 87.

It is difficult to teach an unchurched group about Christ in two or three days, but we did all we could do and showed them that we really did love and care for them; in a short period of time we made friends. It was indeed sad as we left these children in that they had also showed us they were capable of expressing their love to us.

On Wednesday evening we really experienced the working of the Holy Spirit as our young people sang so beautifully and shared their testimonies. Our youths have been touched by the Lord. They will con-

tinue to be used by Him. They want no praise, just a word of encouragement occasionally.

Disney World was much fun but not nearly as meaningful as was our Miami mission work.

Convert Is Former

Mussolini Secretary

NITEROI, Brazil (BP) — The interpreter was attempting to work through a conversation with two North American women, when she realized they were more than typical sightseers.

The women, Southern Baptist laypersons working in an evangelistic crusade, told the interpreter about Jesus Christ and shared something of their Texas home background.

The interpreter accepted "Christ in my heart" and then told them she had once been a secretary to Mussolini. "Hitler and Mussolini gave me money," she said. "Jesus Christ gave me life and peace in my heart. I am happier than I have ever been in my life."

Devotional

The Mystery Revealed

By Millard Bennett, Pastor, First, Inverness

EPHESIANS 3:6

"To wit, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

When we use the word mystery we usually think of something hidden, secret, and unexplainable. To be sure, that is one meaning of the term. But Paul used the word to refer to a promise fulfilled, a truth unveiled, a secret opened.

The mystery revealed is an answer to this question: Who belongs to the new humanity in Christ? Is the church, the community of saints, made up of believers from only one nation or one color or one race? The answer is: By God's grace there is no narrow nationalism about the church. It doesn't allow for only one color. The experience of God's grace is not limited to one race.

Christ gave the church a command to go out into all the world. Paul was called to witness to the Gentiles. In fulfilling that call he became a "prisoner for Jesus Christ for you Gentiles" (3:1). And Paul's joy in Christ's service was not dampened by imprisonment when he remembered the width of God's love for men everywhere. The imprisoned missionary envisioned lands conquered by the Christ. Yes, the secret is out, the mystery is known. That which was promised to the people of God in the Old Testament has been fulfilled. "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles." (Malachi 1:11)

The Good News must still be proclaimed. We have the challenge to use every means of communication to tell men everywhere the story of redeeming love. In the midst of riotous shouts of hatred and racism, men must still hear the words of the Savior: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Unity Church Dedicates Sanctuary

Unity Church at Duck Hill observed open house and dedication of their new sanctuary on July 16.

Singing in the afternoon was presented by The Bondsman. Former pastors were present. Dinner was served at 12 o'clock, completely prepared by the church.

The day began at 10:30 and closed at 5 p.m. Lavon Hatten brought the dedication message. Sonny Redwine is pastor.

Uniform Lesson

The Gospel Confronts Vested Interests

By Jackie C. Hamilton, Pastor
Highland, Meridian
Acts 19:23-28, 35-39

The message of the crucified Christ has often been a stumbling block for it conflicts with established thinking. Such was the case at the close of Paul's stay of over two years in the great, commercial center of ancient Ephesus in Asia Minor.

His teaching of Christ as a way or manner of life — the Christian way of preaching, worshiping, and living — was believed by many who decided that they should disavow their "gods made with hands" for a living God in heaven. Their decision and the considerable scope of Paul's influence caused a clash with vested interests.

A serious disturbance occurred as Paul was making arrangements for his return trip to Macedonia and Greece and to go to Jerusalem; later, he hoped to go to Rome. In preparation he sent Timothy and Erastus ahead to Macedonia to arrange for his journey. In the meantime a situation erupted which reminds us of the words of Christ, "I came not to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34).

Ephesus was the site of the great temple of Diana (Artemis) — one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The huge building was four times longer than the famed Parthenon at Athens and held a heroic size statue of Diana, goddess of fertility.

It also enshrined an image thought to be a meteorite in its original form ("The image which fell down from Jupiter," v. 35) which bore some resemblance to a multi-breasted woman, the shape assumed at later times as that of Diana, a fertility deity whose shrine was served by eunuchs and women priests.

The temple represented economic power for its priests controlled land, fisheries, and money. It also represented culture, because of its museum for the best paintings and statuary. The temple represented a kind of justice, for no one could be arrested within a bow-shot of its walls. Thus the temple was held in high regard for all.

Though Paul did not direct his teaching against the temple of Diana, his faithful teaching of God's moral requirements bore fruits as was observed by local businessmen whose

businesses were beginning to show a decline.

The silversmiths sold tourists little images of Diana and of the temple. However, Paul's success preaching and teaching the Christ worried the silversmiths who feared that their income would continue to decline.

Thus Demetrius, a leader in the industry, made a public protest to his silversmith contemporaries that their livelihood was endangered. However, he used devious tactics in his speech, for instead of making an economic issue he made a religious one: if Paul weakened the people's faith, what would happen to Diana? Demetrius'

speech of hypocrisy and greedy vested interest sent a group-turned-mob roaring in riot through the city crying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" for about two hours.

Two of Paul's companions — Gaius and Aristarchus — took blows from the mob. Paul was ready to join his companions, but was dissuaded not only by fellow believers, but also by pleadings of prominent citizens who were among the chosen leaders in the cult of emperor worship. Their attitude indicates that of Rome at the time toward Christianity: tolerance.

The vengeful crowd rushed into the theater of Ephesus, a colosseum seating 25,000, where a violent situation

was calmed by the sensible appeal of the town clerk, the head of the free municipal administration of Ephesus and the chief liaison officer between the city and Rome.

He reminded the crowd of the highly-prized title of the city: "Temple keeper (or warden) of the great Artemis (Diana)." Then he recalled the housing of the sacred stone that had fallen from the sky. He concluded by saying that Artemis was not in any real danger.

The two Christians who had been dragged to the stadium were wisely spared by the city official when he told the crowd that they were not guilty of sacrilege or blasphemy. After calming

Life and Work Lesson The New Life In Christ

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Colossians 3:1-14

"Joe got religion last night." Is this the best way to describe the salvation of a soul? Paul could not use this idea because he had religion before he became a Christian. To Paul the conversion was that he who had personally experienced the emptiness of the promises of legalistic religion had come into the reality of the new life that came in Jesus Christ.

The danger that the Colossians faced, according to this passage of Scripture, was that some believed that by adding religious works to Christ's works and by believing the observance of rules and rituals they would secure their relationship with God. Paul knew this was a mistake, and pointed out why in Colossians 2:20-3:4.

Persons who trust and rely on Christ are united ultimately with Him — died with Christ and resurrected with Christ. Because of Christ, the Christian has a secure standing with God. The task of the Christian life is to make this secure standing with God in Christ visible in the actual state of one's life.

The Root Principle of the Christian Life

The ascetic regulations are of no real value against the indulgence of the flesh. The only remedy for sinful passions is found in the believer's experience of union with Christ — a union by virtue of which the Christian dies to sin and to the world's way of thinking and doing. By participation in the death and the resurrection of Christ, we have released into the believer's life a power that is more adequate as a check against fleshly appetites. Man is raised to a new realm of existence. The Christian does not seek to do things that are right in order to establish a relationship with God; the new Christians' new life is the result of his new relationship with God.

Because life takes on the character of his thoughts, Paul encourages the Christians to devote their attention and thoughts to the right things in order to realize their potential in Christ. "Seek those things above" and set your minds on things that are above. The Christian is to think new thoughts; pay attention to different things because he has a new Lord.

This does not mean we are to withdraw ourselves from all activities of this world and do nothing but contemplate on heaven. But from now on the Christian will see everything in the light and against the background of eternity.

The things on earth might include material wealth, worldly honor, power, pleasure, etc. To make such things the goal of life and the substance of contemplation is unworthy of one who has been raised with Christ and anticipates sharing in His eternal glory.

Christ is our life because He is, quite literally, the essence of our life. It is He who gives us life and fans and fosters it by His abiding presence within us. Vital union with Christ and the power and encouragement makes possible holy living. The believer's vital union with Christ is the fundamental and controlling principle of the new life.

Guidelines for the Christian Life
The life that is in you by virtue of your union with Christ should work itself out and express itself in every thought, deed, and relationship. Colossians 3:5-14 combines moral instruction and authoritative commands con-

cerning the vices of the old life and the cultivation of the virtues of the new life.

The Colossians had only recently come out of a paganism which condoned the grossest of sins. So Paul spoke very strongly about the need to repress all the degrading tendencies of the old nature. Concerning sexual vice, Paul does not call for maiming of the physical body but the slaying of the evil passions, desires, and practices which root themselves in, make use of, and attack us through our bodies.

A catalogue of sins concerning attitudes and speech is given in verse 8. These are to be put off like putting off clothes. Some are sins of disposition which manifest themselves in anger, wrath, malice or foul-mouth — abuse. The sin of lying is given separate treatment which makes condemnation more emphatic.

The Christian has already put on the new man (the regenerate nature). Now he is to clothe himself with the garments which befit the new man. The idea of putting on of new virtues has a sense of urgency about it. The virtues with which Christians are to

convention last year. Cain's appointment was just announced.

Harris was president of both the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board when he died July 31, 1977, of a heart attack. He was pastor of the University Baptist Church in Fort Worth for 23 years.

Cain, a graduate of Texas A & M University, will teach agriculture at the Nyeri Baptist High School and help manage the school farm. He also may teach courses in beginning physics, chemistry and biology. His other duties at the school include Sunday School, Bible study groups, sports activities and clubs.

The Mission Service Corps is the Southern Baptist plan to place 5,000 volunteers on home and foreign mission fields by 1982 to supplement career missionaries.

clothe themselves are listed in 12b-17. Those of 12b-14 have to do mainly with relationships among Christians and have to do with expressions of love.

"Put on: a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering." These point up those qualities of life which, if present in the community of believers, will eliminate or, at least, reduce frictions. All of these are manifestations of love, which is mentioned as the crowning virtue. Love is the perfect bond (belt) in the sense that it embraces and completes all the other virtues.

The Christian will only become what God intended for him to be as he acts in love in relationship to his fellowman. Christian maturity is incomplete if it does not contribute to a harmonious community.

When Mark Twain read a reporter's mixed-up account of his own obituary notice he said, "The news of my death is greatly exaggerated."

When I read in the Bible how I have died with Christ, I feel that this idea has been greatly exaggerated in my own life. I know too much about bad habits and cantankerous attitudes. But the new me knows that these sins do not have to control my life. The power of the Lord can cause the new virtues of love to grow and crowd out the weeds of sin. The new life in Christ is great!

If you worked for your employer as you serve God, how long would you hold your job?